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This year, the Trump administration has made our work harder, but not impossible.

While the White House and Congress have launched an unprecedented attack on decades of environmental progress, we're proud—and thankful—that EDF members like you are fighting back.

Here are some of the victories your support made possible in 2017:

- EDF legislative staff convinced three Senate Republicans to join with Democrats and block the Trump administration's attempts to repeal **federal standards regulating oil and gas climate pollution** on federal and tribal lands.
- EDF attorneys went to court to challenge EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt's attempt to unilaterally suspend safeguards that **reduce methane and other pollution limits from new and updated oil and gas facilities**. The court decided in our favor and called Pruitt's actions, "arbitrary, capricious, and in excess of statutory authority."
- After EPA removed more than 1,900 climate-related web pages and files from its website, EDF filed a Freedom of Information Act request to obtain and **republish the deleted information on a [new public website](#)**.
- When Pruitt sought to delay implementing the new **health-based smog standards**, EDF joined with public health organizations, states, and other community organizations to quickly file suit to challenge this action. Two months later, Pruitt withdrew his petition.

And four states demonstrated that, despite what's happening in Washington, we can still move America forward on climate:

- **Illinois** passed a bill to slash carbon pollution, spur billions in clean energy investments, and create thousands of good local jobs.
- **New York** changed its rules to allow utilities to earn money by cutting climate pollution.
- **Colorado** committed to upholding the emissions

reduction goals of the Paris Agreement.

- **North Carolina's** Republican-controlled legislature passed pro-business, clean energy legislation with overwhelming support.
- **California** renewed its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by extending its cap-and-trade program through 2030.

From all of us at EDF, thank you for *everything* you do to protect our Earth.

Sincerely,

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